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Make you their bleeding victims ! See that child,  
 That late upon a mother's bosom smiled,  
 Torn quivering, shrieking from that last embrace,  
 A slave's lone privilege on earth to trace,  
 Or butchered on the spot—(a happier fate !)  
 But this will not suffice a Moslem's hate  
 To quench, (who revels in the scene of blood,  
 Until of life, the mighty crimson flood,  
 Impetuous rolls, a swollen, mountain stream,)  
 But see, in flames those stately fabrics gleam—  
 The work of ages perished in a day,  
 And learning's choicest treasures swept away ;  
 And where so late was heard the cheerful praise  
 Of Triune God, the fiercest war-horse neighs.  
 Alas, thou second mistress of the world !  
 How soon from thy bright throne of glory hurled—  
 Low in the dust, thou, weltering in thy gore,  
 Art only reaping what thou'st sowed before.

How long will men in hellish work delight ?  
 When will the shadows flee, and morning light  
 Illume again our long, *long* darkened sky ?  
 When blood-bought tears be wiped from every eye ?  
 O haste auspicious day ! The watchmen, cry,  
 Already signs bespeak the morning nigh !  
 Our glad hearts welcome thee, the world's release,  
 Predicted, promised in those words sublime—  
 “ Good will to all mankind, on earth be peace ! ”  
 Thine, Lord, shall be the praise from every ransomed clime.

*Spring Grove, N. Y. Dec. 1846.*

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#### EFFECTS OF WAR ON LIBERTY.

Let us learn wisdom from the past. If we look back over the wreck of former republics, we shall find scarce one that did not fall a victim to its own war-spirit. Did not the soldiers of our own Washington urge him on one occasion to assume the sceptre ? Look at the republics south of us. Well did a distinguished officer in our last war say, “ We have escaped from one war with crippled constitution—the next will probably destroy it.” Still more distinctly did Madison forewarn us : “ Of all the enemies of liberty, war is the most to be dreaded. It is the parent of armies ; from these proceed debts, and taxes : and armies, and debts, and taxes, are the well known instruments for bringing the many under the dominion of the few. *No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continued warfare.* ” — *Christian Observer.*